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Ms. Sheila Desai
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region V
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Dear Ms. Desai:

Re: Monthly Progress Report - March 2012
Former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property Operable Unit No. 7
Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site
Allegan and Kalamazoo County

As required by Task 8, Progress Reports in the Statement of Work of the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) at the former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property, please find attached three copies of the Progress Report No. 65 for the period of March 1, 2012 through March 31, 2012.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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**Progress Report No. 65
March 1, 2012 to March 31, 2012**

**Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study
Former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property
Plainwell, Michigan**

This progress report is being submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) in accordance with Task 8: Progress Reports and the Schedule for Major Deliverables contained in the Statement of Work for the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS), pursuant to the terms of the Consent Decree for the Design and Implementation of Certain Response Actions at Operable Unit No. 4 and the Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property (Site) Operational Unit No. 7 of the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site (Consent Decree), which became effective February 22, 2005.

1. Work Performed

- Initiated development of responses to U.S. EPA's November 23, 2011 comments on the Human Health Risk Assessment (HHRA) and Screening Level Ecological Assessment (SLERA) portions of the Remedial Investigation (RI) Report and February 17, 2012 comments on the RI Report.
- Advanced 15 borings and collected 73 soil samples around MW-16 on March 29, 2012 to define the nature and extent of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) identified in soil during the RI.
- Collected a round of water levels from all existing monitoring wells and readings from existing staff gauges on March 30, 2012.
- Abandoned monitoring well MW-1 on March 30, 2012 to accommodate storm sewer utility construction by Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).
- Initiated development of a work plan for additional RI investigation activities.

2. Data Received

- None

**3. Modifications to Work Plans or Other Schedules
Proposed to, or Approved by, the U.S. EPA**

- On March 26, 2012 requested U.S. EPA approval via email to abandon MW-1 and conduct additional soil investigation in the area of MW-16. Received email approval to proceed with the proposed work from U.S. EPA on March 28, 2012.

4. Problems Encountered and Planned Resolution

- None

5. Work Anticipated During the Next Reporting Period

- Continue development of responses to U.S. EPA's November 23, 2011 comments on the HHRA and SLERA portions of the RI Report and February 17, 2012 comments on the RI Report.
- Submittal of a revised Draft RI Report on April 20, 2012.
- Submittal of work plan for additional RI investigation activities.
- Submittal of an updated Project Schedule.

6. Anticipated Development with Work during the Next Period

- None

7. Other Relevant Information

- None